

Thursday, 20 September Acting

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1. Attended Special Group Meeting. There was a discussion of [] Its use over Kamchatka was disapproved. I raised possibility of using it against Cuba, and State appeared enthusiastic. (No operations which [] has been considering were prejudiced by this discussion.) There was some discussion of [] Cuba, but action was deferred until next week. In meantime, State is most anxious that

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[] (See Memo for the Record dtd 20 Sept., attached, and Action Memo No. A-53, 21 Sept., also attached)

2. Poor weather resulted in no exploitable take in latest U-2 operation. Will take up at Special Group today to seek additional approval. (Morning Briefing Memo)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD OF SPECIAL GROUP MEETING OF

20 SEPTEMBER 1962

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General Carter briefed the meeting on the provision of the security advice to the President of Colombia.

General Carter read the CIA memo on CINCARIB communications problems. The meeting expressed delighted surprise at our capability. We are now a full-fledged member of the State-Defense group which is considering this problem.

On Nicaragua, a memo is to be prepared for the Acting DCI describing the degree of Cuban involvement, particularly in the shipment of arms to Nicaragua by way of Honduras. This memo will also cover Communist infiltration of student and labor [REDACTED]

There was a long discussion of the role of USIB in recommending countries to be placed on the counter-insurgency list. Full account to be gotten from Tom Parrott.

There was discussion of the Southeast Asia status report, concentrating on strategic hamlets, the Montagnards, and the bad press situation in Saigon.

General Carter called attention to the memoranda on the North Vietnam presence in Laos. The question came up as to whether there was an SNIE in the works on this. This subject is to be kept current, especially in view of the 6 October deadline.

State and Defense announced that they had now sent the counter-insurgency doctrine papers to everyone in the field.

There was a suggestion that it was time for a progress report on the South Vietnam intelligence capability.